

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Rob Wittman issued the following statement after the House passed a \$290 billion increase to the Nation's debt limit by a vote of (218-214) to raise the limit to \$12.39 trillion.

"Once again the majority in Congress has proved that they're tone deaf to the concerns of the American people. For the fifth time since January 2007, Congress has voted to continue to rack up the debt on America's credit card, and pass the future payments onto our children and grandchildren. Some argue that an increase is necessary, but if we made the same hard choices American families are making at their kitchen tables at the conference tables of Congress, and balanced our budget, we wouldn't be here today. I will continue to be an advocate of applying the principals and values of American families when it comes to crafting this Nation's budgets; doing anything less is simply irresponsible."

Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He was elected to his first full term in November 2008 and serves on the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.